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As proof that this paper and the cited references were received in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of the itemized return postcard filed therewith, and bearing the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom date stamp is included at Exhibit B. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 503, the itemized return postcard constitutes proof that the Information Disclosure Statement

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Thus, the only references for which consideration is requested are JP 2003-191444-A and the English translation of JP 10-180986-A (the Japanese original and English abstract for this reference were previously submitted and have been considered).

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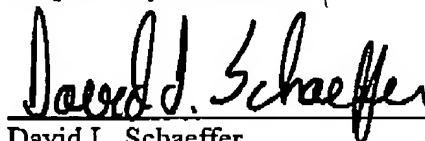
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